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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Cont a polypeptide that consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids having at least about 90% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids set forth in SEQ ID No. 16 or 18; and

a polypeptide that consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids encoded by a sequence of nucleotides that is a splice variant of the sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 15.

REMARKS

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Claims 1-116 are pending. Claim 69 is amended. Claim 69 is amended to add the inadvertently omitted phrase "comprises a polypeptide that", to replace the verb "comprises" with the phrase —consists essentially of—, and to replace the verb "is" with the phrase —consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids—. The amendments find basis at page 28, lines 19-23, and at page 49, lines 21-27. No new matter has been added.

Included as an attachment is a marked-up version of the claims that are being amended.

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Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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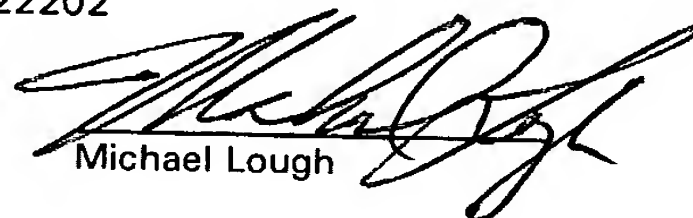
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**ATTACHMENT TO THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
MARKED UP CLAIM**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 69 as follows:

69. The method of claim 65, wherein the polypeptide comprises a polypeptide that consists essentially of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

a polypeptide that [comprises]consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids encoded by the sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID No. 15;
polypeptide that [comprises]consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids encoded by the sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID No. 17;

a polypeptide that [comprises]consists essentially of a sequence of amino acids encoded by a sequence of nucleotides that hybridizes under conditions of high stringency to the sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID No. 15 or 17;

a polypeptide that [comprises]consists essentially of the sequence of amino acids set forth as amino acids 206-438 of SEQ ID No. 16;

a polypeptide that [comprises]consists essentially of a sequence of

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amino acids having at least about 90% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids set forth in SEQ ID No. 16 or 18; and

a polypeptide that [is]consists essentially of the sequence of amino acids encoded by a sequence of nucleotides that is a splice variant of the sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 15.